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1. A primary consideration in programming aviation talks is to make sure Rome will not be the locus for both preliminary meeting and formal negotiation. On this basis we have no substantive problem with Embassy proposal as first alternative. If, however, GOI indicates preference to undertake formal consultations in Rome, Embassy should make clear US expectation preliminary meeting will be held in Washington.

2. Do not anticipate US component preliminary talks will exceed three if held Washington but CAB member Minetti may wish CAB staff officer accompany him if held Rome. ATA has agreed not to press for representation if Alitalia not member of Italian team.

3. Would be very helpful especially if preliminary talks to be held Rome to have explicit GOI ideas well in advance on ~~gx~~ ground to be covered. END

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